

Act, 2017—Ellison of Minnesota Amendment No. 2)

On Roll Call 290 I would have voted No. (H.R. 5325—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017—Blackburn of Tennessee Amendment No. 6)

On Roll Call 291 I would have voted Yes. (H.R. 5325—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017—Takano of California Amendment No. 11)

On Roll Call 292 I would have voted No. (H.R. 5325—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017—Pearce of New Mexico Amendment No. 13)

On Roll Call 293 I would have voted Yes. (H.R. 5325—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions)

On Roll Call 294 I would have voted No. (H.R. 5325—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017—On Passage)

On Roll Call 295 I would have voted No. (H. Con. Res. 89—Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy (Scalise—Ways and Means))

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF PLEASANT HILL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Pleasant Hill, Iowa for its recognition as a 2015 Tree City USA sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program (the Forest Service).

The City of Pleasant Hill has met the core standards for tree care during the past year. Over 135 million Americans live in Tree City USA communities. In its 40th year of celebration, the Tree City USA program is critical to the U.S. Forest Service. This federal partner delivers technical and financial resources to states, cities and communities across the nation with each community adhering to a State Action Plan, guiding investments in each state while accomplishing local projects and programs.

The U.S. Forest Service and Arbor Day Foundation cooperate with communities to establish healthy forests, improve air and water quality and contribute to important national energy conservation goals. These local investments create long term major environmental improvements nationwide. When communities like Pleasant Hill are recognized it makes me proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress.

I commend the City of Pleasant Hill and urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating them on receiving this award and in wishing the city nothing but continued success.

HONORING MR. KENNETH H.
HOFMANN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kenneth Hofmann, owner of the Rancho Esquon Wildlife Area and wetlands steward par excellence, for his commitment to community development and wildlife preservation.

Mr. Hofmann, a lifelong Californian, has spent most of the past three decades working to promote philanthropy, educational and artistic initiatives, and wildlife conservation. In 1990, Mr. Hofmann purchased Rancho Esquon, a sprawling agricultural property in Butte County, and began working to restore its natural habitat. Today, the ranch boasts over 900 acres of wetlands, is home to more than 20,000 trees and 173 species of birds, and serves as a valuable educational resource. Over 4,000 students have taken class field trips to Rancho Esquon, many of whom have returned to visit the site's egg salvage facility.

Today, to further expose and educate regarding the importance of our wetlands, Mr. Hofmann is in the process of building the Pacific Flyway Center, a world-class museum and zoo facility in Suisun Marsh. The Center is dedicated to inspiring conservation of the Pacific Flyway, a critical migratory route stretching from Alaska to Patagonia. Every year, at least one billion birds migrate along the Flyway, and its importance to waterfowl populations cannot be overstated. Upon completion, the Center will offer educational opportunities for local students and citizens.

Mr. Hofmann's charitable organization, The Hofmann Family Foundation (HFF), has worked for over 20 years to help young people in need. In 1995, a \$1 million donation from the HFF created the Concord Community Youth Center, which today provides educational and athletic opportunities for 1,900 underprivileged young people. And in 2014, Mr. Hofmann donated funds to create the De La Salle Academy, a division of De La Salle High School dedicated to providing high-quality education for boys whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent private schooling. By the end of 2016, the Academy will have 80 students enrolled in the fifth and sixth grades.

Mr. Speaker, Kenneth Hofmann has dedicated his time and resources for nearly 40 years to enriching the lives of California's young people and protecting its environment. Mr. Hofmann's efforts have benefitted our community enormously, and it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING COLE WILLIAM
MCLINTIC ON ACHIEVING THE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S
(BSA) TOP RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cole William McClintic, of Hollister,

Missouri, on his recent achievement of the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) top rank of Eagle Scout.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It is the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, requiring countless hours of service, training and learning. An extremely exclusive honor, especially when considering that less than two percent of the 112 million scouts since the BSA's founding in 1910 have achieved the Eagle Scout distinction.

Cole has been a member of the BSA since first grade, and has been involved ever since. He has held 5 elected positions across his years in the scouts, with roles ranging from troop historian, to quartermaster, to troop leader. Due to his impressive career as a scout, Cole is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, which is the BSA's National Honor Society, a group made up of those scouts deemed to truly embody the ideals that Boy Scouts strive to display.

Mr. Speaker, by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Cole has set himself on the path to achieve future success, and I'm proud to count him among my constituents. His dedication in completing the required benchmarks and community service requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank are indicative of his ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets his mind to. I wish Cole luck with all his future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this momentous achievement.

SUPPORTING THE GOAL OF EN-
SURING ALL HOLOCAUST VIC-
TIMS LIVE WITH DIGNITY, COM-
FORT AND SECURITY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for House Concurrent Resolution 129, which allows all Holocaust victims to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years. I want to congratulate as well as urge the Federal Republic of Germany to continue to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the health and welfare needs of vulnerable victims, including healthcare and other medically prescribed needs.

For over 45 years I have proudly served in the House of Representatives for one of the most diverse constituencies in our great country. Among these wonderful people are a large number of Jewish people that have suffered and survived one of the worst crimes in the history of humanity. Despite severe health problems and burdened sometimes with poverty and limited income, these proud people continue to survive their nightmare and continue to make major contributions to our community and our country.

The House of Representatives has on June 7, 2016 overwhelmingly passed this bill and now awaits the consideration in the other body.

The German people are to be praised for supporting this Claims Conference and recognizing that the atrocities committed should never be forgotten. Much more has to be done